



犬神さんと猿飛くんは仲が悪い。

タチバナロク



# C O N T E N T S



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## CHAPTER 13

IT'S  
OKAY  
NOW.  
DON'T  
CRY.

HEEZ...  
HOW  
LONG  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
CRY?



BUT...

I WAS  
PLAYING  
WITH YOU  
TODAY

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.  
KUNYA-  
CHAN

TSURUKI-  
CHAN GOT  
YELLED AT  
AGAIN...

BECAUSE  
OF ME...



I WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
STAY IN THIS  
HOUSE  
ANymore...

BUT

TSUBAKI-  
CHAN  
STARTED  
TO HATE  
ME...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

BUT

YOU'RE  
MY FAMILY  
NOW, MAYA-  
CHAN.

NO MATTER  
OR WHAT  
HAPPENING

I WON'T  
HATE YOU  
OR CHASE  
YOU OUT

WE'LL  
ALWAYS BE  
TOGETHER!!



CHAPTER 13 WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER





IT'S THE  
SECOND HALF  
ALREADY,  
BUT YOU'RE  
STILL  
LOSING!!

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WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING,  
INUGAMI  
TSUBAKI!!

CERTAINLY,  
THE PACE IS  
HIGHER THAN  
PREDICTED  
AND EARLY-  
TOD-KUN'S  
CONDITION  
ISN'T BAD  
EITHER, BUT,



CALM  
DOWN  
KITSUNE-  
DADA-SAN.



THE REAL  
MATCH  
STARTS  
NOW

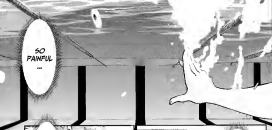
WE'VE  
PRACTICED  
CATCHING  
UP IN THE  
SECOND  
HALF  
DURING OUR  
SPECIAL  
TRAINING



WHAT ARE WE  
GOING TO DO,  
KITSUNE-  
DADA-SAN?  
AT THIS  
RATE...







WHY...

DOING  
SOME-  
THING LIKE  
THIS...?

WHY  
AM I...

CHOOSE  
HIM  
AND NOT  
ME...?

I ABSO-  
LUTELY  
WOULDN'T LET  
YOU BE  
THE HEAD  
OF THE  
FAMILY!

WHY...  
DID GRAND-  
FATHER...



BECAUSE  
I CAN'T WIN  
AGAINST  
HMP

IS IT  
BECAUSE  
I'M  
HMP?

I THOUGHT I COULD WIN...



I THOUGHT  
THAT'S WHY  
I LOST.

I LOST  
BECAUSE I  
DIDN'T KNOW A  
THING ABOUT  
SARUTORI, WHO  
HAD SUDDENLY  
SHOWN UP...



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
WAS  
THINKING,

NO...

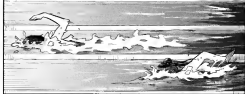
I WILL  
ABSO-  
LUTELY  
WIN!!

I'M SURE  
I CAN  
WIN NEXT  
TIME...



**IN THE END... I CAN'T WIN...**











ADDING  
THE  
CURRENT  
SPURT...

WITH  
DEUSAM-  
GAW'S  
HIGH FACE  
FROM THE  
START.



IT'S STILL  
DANGEROUS  
GIVEN THE  
REMAINING  
DISTANCE.

SARU-  
TOMI-  
KUN HAS  
BEEN  
MAINTAIN-  
ING A  
CONSTANT  
PACE.

SHE HAS TO  
INCREASE  
THE GAP  
EVEN  
FURTHER  
WITH THIS  
SPURT.



HER  
STAMINA  
HAS TO  
BE AT ITS  
LIMIT.



OH  
NO...







HEY,  
TOSAME-  
SAN!!



WHAT IS  
IT, KIT-  
SUNEZU-  
KA-SAN?



SHOULDN'T  
YOU SAY  
SOMETHING  
TO HER?

LIKE "DO  
YOUR  
BEST" OR  
"DON'T  
LOSE!"



WHY WON'T  
YOU SAY  
ANYTHING TO  
INUGAMI  
TSUBAKI?

INUGAMI  
TSUBAKI IS  
DESPERATELY  
STRUGGLING  
TO WIN YOU  
BACK?





BUT...  
IF TSUBAKI-SAMA  
WINS AND  
TAKES ME  
BACK—

I WANT  
HER TO WIN...



IT'S JUST  
THAT I  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
BECOME A  
BURDEN TO  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA...



WHEN I  
THINK THAT  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA MIGHT  
GIVE UP  
ON HER SAC-  
CESSION  
BECAUSE  
OF ME YET  
AGAIN...  
I... U



A  
BURDEN...

ON  
SCARED  
OF BE-  
COMING...

AND  
YET...  
I...

I WANT  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA TO  
WIN,

I DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYMORE  
BETTER!



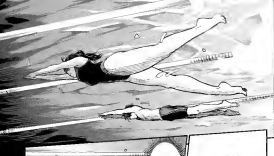
LOOK  
AT  
THAT!



TO-  
DASHI-  
SAMA.





















YOU WON!!  
YOU WON,  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA!!

I'M GLAD,  
I'M SO  
GLAD!!

WELL...  
MAYA,  
THAT  
HURTS...



THAT'S WHY I  
HURT WITH  
HAKUTO-  
SAMA...  
BUT I DON'T  
FEEL LIKE IT

IT'S JUST THAT  
I DON'T WANT  
YOU TO GET  
UP IN YOUR  
SUCCESSION...



WHEN YOU  
SAID  
YOU'RE  
DEAD  
GIVING UP  
YOUR SUC-  
CESSION  
BECAUSE  
OF ME,

I FELT BAD  
I THOUGHT  
I WOULD  
BECOME A  
BURDEN TO  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA...



I...  
I WAS SO  
AFRAID...



BUT I  
WAS  
AFRAID  
THAT  
YOU'D  
HATE  
ME

I WANTED  
TO TELL  
YOU HOW  
I FELT





NO...



I LOST, SO I GIVE THE SUGGESS-  
SION BACK. WHAT'S  
THERE NOT TO UNDER-  
STAND?



WAIT A  
MINUTE,  
WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN  
BY THAT?

SHIT?



ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR  
SUGGESSSION, THERE'S NO  
REASON FOR  
ME TO KEEP  
HER EITHER,  
IS THERE?



WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
SAYING?



WAS NOT  
FOR THE  
SUGGESS-  
SION, BUT  
TO TAKE  
MAYA  
BACK.



THE  
REASON  
I CHAL-  
LENGED  
YOU  
TODAY



BESIDES,  
I CAN'T  
SAY THIS  
MATCH  
WAS FAIR  
EITHER...



I CAN'T  
WIN BOTH  
AT THE  
SAME  
TIME...



THAT'S  
RIGHT... I  
CAN'T  
ACCEPT  
IT

BUT IT  
WAS A  
GOOD  
ONE.



IT WASN'T  
YOUR  
STRATEGY  
TO BEGIN  
WITH—

IF YOU'RE  
FEELING GUILTY  
ABOUT WITH-  
HOLDING THE  
WATER DETAILS  
FROM ME, IN  
ORDER TO  
MEET UP MY  
CONDITION,  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT



I DIDN'T  
EXPECT  
YOU TO  
SAY  
THAT...



GOOD  
ENOUGH  
TO EARN  
MY ADMI-  
RATION.



IT JUST  
WASN'T  
FAIR.

BUT...







FOR ME TO  
WIN  
MAYA  
BACK.

THIS  
MATCH  
WAS



ONE  
THING  
ON THE  
WATCH

UP TILL  
NOW,  
HE'VE  
ONLY  
LOST



I WILL  
WIN IT FAIR  
AND SQUARE,  
WITH MY OWN  
STRENGTH.

THE NEXT  
MATCH  
OVER MY  
SUCCESS-  
SION  
RIGHT,





TOO  
BAD  
FOR  
YOU.



DID  
IT?

WELL,  
DO AS  
YOU  
LIKE.

8840BS,  
DIDNT  
YOU GO  
BASTY?



IT'S ONE  
WIN ONE  
LOSS  
NOW.



YEAH...  
I'LL DO  
IT IN  
ACCEP-  
TATION.



IT'S  
PRETTY  
ANNOY-  
ING.

I TOLD  
YOU  
BEFORE,  
GET YOUR  
USELESS  
MOPDING.



SHE IS  
THE ONE  
WHO  
WON.



WENT  
YOU MIS-  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
SOME-  
THING?

BESIDES,  
DIDN'T YOU  
GO EASY?

男子更衣室

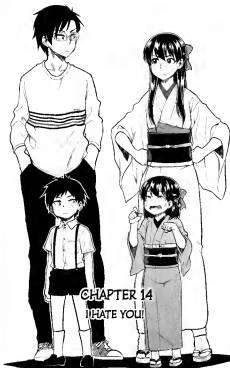
SENJI MEN'S LOCKER ROOM

I  
DIDN'T

THAT'S  
WHY I'VE  
REMEMBERED

THIS  
FEELING  
OF  
VEXATION  
...





**CHAPTER 14**  
**I HATE YOU!**















ABOUT  
THE SUC-  
CESSION  
RIGHTS



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WHY  
WOULD  
HE HATE  
US?



HATRED -  
TOWARD  
THE  
INAGAMI  
FAMILY.



I DON'T  
KNOW  
THAT  
MUCH...



ISN'T IT  
BECAUSE WE  
PRACTICALLY  
DESTROYED  
THE SARUTOBI  
FAMILY?

WELL,  
THAT  
.....





SHIN NISHIMOTO









THAT'S  
RIGHT...



BUT DID  
YOU KNOW  
THAT SUCH A  
PROMINENT  
FAMILY FACED  
AN EXISTENTIAL  
CRISIS IN THE  
PAST?

AS YOU  
KNOW, THE  
INUSAKI FAMILY  
HAS BEEN ONE  
OF THE PROMI-  
NENT FAMILIES  
OF JAPAN SINCE  
TIMES OF OLD



WHEN  
I GUY  
BAILING,  
I HEARD  
SOMETHING  
THE WAY

WELL, I  
WOULDN'T  
EXPECT  
YOU TO  
KNOW...

BUT EVEN  
EARLIER?  
WHAT  
COULD IT  
BE...?



THAT  
TOO, BUT  
THIS WAS  
EVEN  
EARLIER



AN  
EXIS-  
TEN-  
TIAL  
CRISIS  
?

WAS IT  
WHEN  
FATHER  
DIED?



YOUR  
GRAND-  
FATHER

INUGAMI  
SHINZA-  
BUROU

AND  
BEFORE  
LONG

A CHILD  
WAS  
BORN AS  
A MEMBER  
OF THE  
INUGAMI  
FAMILY



....  
COULD  
WE GET  
TO THE  
POINT  
PLEASE?



HMM  
THIS  
CAME OUT  
RATHER  
WELL  
TODAY



YES,  
UNFORTU-  
NATELY

YOU'LL  
LOST TO  
TSUBAKI,  
I HEAR?



YOU  
ARE SO  
IMPATI-  
ENT—





IT IS  
TRUE.  
THERE'S  
NO  
MISTAKE.



...THAT...  
CAN'T BE  
TRUE?



BUT  
INSIDE THE  
INUSAMI  
FAMILY,  
THIS TOPIC  
HAS BEEN  
TABOO



THAT'S WHY  
YOUR GRAND-  
FATHER...  
BASICALLY,  
THE CHAIRMAN,  
HAD MANY  
ENEMIES



JUST THE  
FACT THAT  
AN OUTSIDER  
BECAME THE  
SUCCESSOR  
WAS SCAN-  
DALOUS IN  
ITSELF

AND IT ISN'T  
DIFFICULT TO  
IMAGINE THAT  
THERE WAS  
MUCH RESIS-  
TANCE TOWARD  
THE HEAD OF  
THE FAMILY THAT  
CAME FROM THE  
OUTSIDE



ON THE  
OTHER HAND  
THE SARUTOBI  
FAMILY  
WANTED TO  
USE THE  
CHAIRMAN

TO  
PULL THE  
INUZUMI  
FAMILY  
UNDER  
THEIR  
UMBRELLA

SOME SAID  
THAT THE  
INUZUMI FAMILY  
HAD TURNED  
INTO A BRANCH  
OF THE  
SARUTOBI  
FAMILY

THE INTER-  
FERENCE WITH  
THE YOUNG  
CHAIRMAN  
WHO HAD  
BECOME THE  
HEAD OF THE  
FAMILY  
WOULDN'T  
CEASE



THAT'S WHY  
HE TRIED  
TO DO  
EVERY-  
THING PER-  
FECTLY

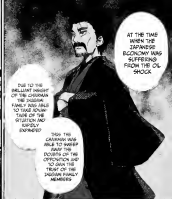
AND  
THEN THE  
CHAIRMAN  
MADE HIS  
MOVE

THE  
CHAIRMAN  
NEEDED TO  
GAIN THE  
TRUST OF  
THE PEOPLE  
OF THE  
INUZUMI  
FAMILY



THE SARUTOH FAMILY,  
ON THE OTHER HAND,  
SUFFERED  
GREAT  
LOSSES...

THAT'S WHEN  
THE CHARMAN  
MOVED IN TO  
COMPLETELY  
ABSORB THE  
SARUTOH AND  
PLACE THEM  
UNDER HIS  
UMBRELLA



AT THE TIME  
WHEN THE  
JAPANESE  
ECONOMY WAS  
SUFFERING  
FROM THE OIL  
SHOCK

DUE TO THE  
BRILLIANT INSIGHT  
OF THE CHARMAN  
THE SARUTOH  
FAMILY WAS ABLE  
TO TRANSFORM  
THEMSELVES INTO  
THE  
SITUATION AND  
SUPPLY  
DEMAND

THUS THE  
CHARMAN WAS  
ABLE TO SWEEP  
AWAY THE  
DOUBTS OF THE  
OPPOSITION AND  
TO GAIN THE  
TRUST OF THE  
SARUTOH FAMILY  
MEMBERS



Eh...

THAT WAS  
THE FIRST  
STEP  
TOWARD  
DESTROY-  
ING THE  
SARUTOH  
FAMILY













SPIN OFF













I SEE...  
NOW I  
UNDER-  
STAND



THE  
GRAND-  
DAUGHTER  
YOU'RE  
PROUD  
OF...?



TO AID IN  
TSUBAKI'S  
GROWTH...

IN THE  
END I WAS  
CHOSEN AS  
A GUARDIAN  
STONE



AM I  
RIGHT?



AND  
NOW I  
UNDER-  
STAND...

I DON'T  
REALLY  
GET IT, SO I  
CONSIDERED  
VARIOUS POS-  
SIBILITIES FOR  
YOUR TRUE  
MOTIVS

WHEN YOU  
APPEARED  
BEFORE ME  
AND DESIGN-  
ATED ME  
THE suc-  
CESSOR



THE  
MOMENT  
I LOSE,  
YOUR  
OBJECTIVE  
WILL BE  
COM-  
PLETED...

IF MY  
CONJEC-  
TURE IS  
CORRECT



AND  
WHAT  
MADE YOU  
THINK  
THAT?



IN  
THAT  
CASE

THERE  
IS NO USE  
FOR ME  
ANYMORE,  
IS THERE?



YOUR  
THINKING  
ISN'T DEEP  
ENOUGH  
YET





I WON'T  
LET  
TSUBAKI  
SUCCEED  
THE JIN-  
GAMI



TSUBAKI  
ISN'T

SUITED  
TO BE THE  
SUCCE-  
SOR



**CHAPTER 15**  
**LET ME DECIDE!**



THE  
CHAIRMAN  
IS CURRENTLY  
IN A MEETING  
WITH SAKU-  
TOSHI-KUN?

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN?  
WHY IS IT  
THAT YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
SEE THE  
CHAIRMAN  
?!!

PLEASE  
WAIT,  
TSUBAKI-  
CHAN!!



EVEN IF  
I WAS A  
CHILD,

WAS THE  
REASON FOR  
MY GRAND-  
FATHER'S  
DECEASE...

IF... MY  
SHADE  
WORD...

I  
NEED TO  
CONFIRM  
...

IF MY  
RECOL-  
LECTION IS  
CORRECT  
...

APO-  
LOGIZE  
TO HIM!!

I MUST





I  
SEE...



YOU  
ARE BEING  
YOUR USUAL  
SELF.

ONCE YOU  
DECIDE ON  
SOMETHING,  
YOU WON'T  
LISTEN TO  
ANYONE.



WHEN  
SOMEONE  
WAS INJURED  
BECAUSE OF  
ME----

I  
CAN'T  
PRETEND  
LIKE NO-  
THING'S  
HAPPEN-  
ED!!

WELL,  
IT JUST  
MIGHT BE  
YOUR GOOD  
POINT



Y...  
YES



LET'S  
GO



ア!!

EVEN  
IF TSU-  
BAKI SUR-  
PASSED  
YOU,















I SAID  
THAT YOU  
WERE SAYING  
SOMETHING  
FUNNY.



WHAT  
WERE WE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



YOUR  
CLAIMS ARE  
ALL OVER  
THE PLACE.



THAT  
GRAND-  
DAUGHTER  
ISN'T SUITED  
TO BE THE  
SUCCESS-  
SOR?

LIKE THIS  
IDIOT IS  
SUPERIOR  
TO ME.

AND  
MAYBE YOUR  
MOUTH OF  
YOUR GRAND-  
DAUGHTER



HOW  
ABOUT

YOU QUIT  
TALKING  
CRAZY AL-  
READY?







HOW  
DO YOU SEE  
THE INUSAMI  
CONSLOMB-  
RATE?



WHAT  
ABOUT YOU,  
SANSUKE?



IF THERE  
WERE ONLY  
ONE THING I  
WANTED RIGHT  
NOW-----



I HATE  
TO ADMIT  
IT, BUT

THAT'S  
HOW MUCH  
VALUE THERE  
IS IN THIS  
FAMILY.

IT  
WOULD BE  
THIS INUAMI  
CONSLOME-  
RATE



OWA ?



WHAT  
IS ITS TRUE  
CONDITION?

DO YOU  
WANT TO  
KNOW?

THIS IS THE  
CONSLOME-  
RATE THAT  
BOTH OF YOU  
VALUE SO  
HIGHLY—



I  
SEE, SO  
THERE IS  
VALUE.





IF WE  
SPEAK OF THE  
PRESENT, MOST  
CORPORATIONS  
AND ENTERPRISES  
OWNED BY THE  
IINAGAMI FAMILY

ARE  
PROBABLY  
THE BIGGEST  
IN JAPAN, AND  
I THINK THEIR  
VALUE IS QUITE  
SIGNIFICANT.



SAGURU,  
WHAT IS YOUR  
OPINION?

YES?  
MINE?



YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO  
AND MY FEEL-  
INGS. I WANT TO  
HEAR THE OPINION  
FROM YOU, WHO  
HAS BEEN LOOK-  
ING AT IT FROM  
UP CLOSE.

You  
can't seem  
seriously

NO-  
TRULY, THE IIN-  
AGAMI CON-  
GLOMERATE IS



YOU  
MIGHT SAY  
THERE IS NO  
ROOM FOR  
GROWTH  
LEFT.

THE  
IINAGAMI  
CONGLO-  
MERATE  
HAS GOT-  
TEN TOO  
BIG.

AND...  
BECAUSE  
OF ITS SIZE,  
IT LACKS IN  
NIMBLE-  
NESS.

AT THIS  
RATE, IN  
THE NEAR  
FUTURE

BUT  
YOU ARE  
TALKING  
ABOUT THE  
PRESENT



FROM  
NOW ON, THE  
DOMESTIC  
AND THE WORLD  
MARKETS TOO,  
WILL CONTINUE  
TO CRASH AT  
A FURIOUS  
PACE



AND THE  
QUESTION IS  
WHETHER OUR  
COMPANY WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
KEEP UP...







CAN  
YOU BE-  
LIEVE WHAT  
YOU JUST  
HEARD?

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
SANOSUKE?



CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
OR WON'T  
BELIEVE  
—



OR  
RATHER...

PROBABLY,  
IT IS TRUE...

BELIEVE OR  
NOT... THAT'S  
SOMETHING  
FOR THE IN-  
SIDERS.



THAT'S  
RIGHT, AND  
THAT'S WHY  
—



IT'S NOT  
IMPOSSI-  
BLE.





I'M GOING TO  
WORK HARD  
SO THAT  
DOESN'T  
HAPPEN.

LIKE  
SACHI SAID,  
AT THIS RATE  
THE INUJIMA  
FAMILY WILL  
COLLAPSE.



THEN  
LET ME  
ASK---



WHY  
AM I UNFIT  
BECAUSE  
OF MY WISH  
TO PROTECT  
THIS FA-  
MILY!?



WOULD  
YOU BE ABLE  
TO THROW  
ME OUT!?

FOR  
THE SAKE  
OF THE  
FAMILY,



TH...

THAT'S...



THE  
INUGAMI  
FAMILY IS  
ON THE  
BRINK

TSUBAKI...

THE  
EXECUTIVES  
AND MANAGERS  
WHO RUN THIS  
CONGLOMERATE  
ONLY THINK AND  
ACT OUT OF THEIR  
OWN SELF-PRESERVATION

BUT  
THERE IS  
CEASELESS  
FACETIONAL  
INFIGHTING  
AMONG  
THEM

THE  
EXECUTIVES  
ARE STRUGGLING  
TO KEEP  
THE PROFITS  
UP THROUGH  
MERGERS AND  
ACQUISITIONS

FOR  
NOW, AS A  
STOPGAP  
MEASURE

DUE TO  
THE WORLD  
ECONOMIC  
CRISIS OR  
THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF EMERGING  
MARKETS

THE  
PROFITS  
ARE GOING  
TO KEEP  
SHRINKING



SACRI IS  
RIGHT, WE  
CAN'T KEEP  
ON GOING  
LIKE THIS.



ONLY  
THE BODY  
HAS GROWN  
BIG, BUT IT IS  
EMPTY ON  
THE INSIDE.

NO... IT IS  
ROTTEN.

THE END  
MIGHT BE  
NEARING FOR  
THIS FAMILY  
THAT HAS CON-  
TINUED FOR  
SO LONG.



THE  
INUGAMI  
FAMILY WAS  
ALREADY IN  
A CRISIS.

WHEN I  
GAVE THE  
CHAIRMAN-  
SHIP OVER  
TO YOUR  
FATHER,



WAS BE-  
CAUSE I WANTED  
TO TAKE A MORE  
OBJECTIVE LOOK  
AT THE INUGAMI  
CONGLOME-  
RATE.

THE  
REASON  
I GAVE UP  
MY CHAIR-  
MANSHIP AT  
THAT TIME,



THE  
INUGAMI  
NEED TO BE  
BROKEN UP  
AT SOME  
POINT.



SO I  
CAME BACK  
TO BEING  
THE CHAIR-  
MAN AGAIN,  
BUT...

IN THE  
END, YOUR  
FATHER  
DIED.

UPON  
MY RE-  
TURN, I BE-  
CAME SURE  
OF ONE  
THING.









THERE IS  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE!!



IS  
THERE  
REALLY  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE?

WHY DOES  
EVERYTHING  
HAVE TO GET  
DESTROY-  
ED?



BUT...  
ISN'T  
IT...?



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
ELSE!!



EVEN IF  
YOU DON'T  
DESTROY IT,  
SURELY----



I CAN'T  
ACCEPT IT!! WHY  
WOULDN'T YOU THINK  
OF SOME OTHER  
METHOD?



...  
TSU-  
BAKI



DO  
YOU THINK  
I HAVEN'T  
TRIED OTHER  
MEANS?



YOU  
ARE MY  
PRIDE, AND I  
VALUE YOUR  
ABILITIES  
HIGHLY.

SANOSUKE'S  
ANALYSIS AND  
YOUR HONESTY  
ARE SIMILAR,  
YET DIFFERENT.

I DON'T  
THINK THEY  
SHOULD BE  
USED IN THE  
SAME POSITION.



THE  
REASON  
I PICKED  
SANOSUKE

ISN'T  
BECAUSE  
YOU ARE  
INFERIOR.



I WANT  
YOU TO GO  
ON TO CREATE  
SOMETHING  
NEW.

THAT'S  
WHY I DON'T  
WANT YOU TO  
BE TRAPPED  
BY THE INU-  
GAMI FAMILY  
NAME.





AND  
TOLD ME  
YOU WANTED  
ME TO INHERIT  
THE INUGAMI  
FAMILY

WHEN YOU  
APPEARED  
BEFORE ME  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN—



NATU-  
RALLY, I  
WAS CAU-  
TIOUS.

BUT I  
DECIDED TO  
GO ALONG  
WITH THAT  
PLAN

I  
THOUGHT  
IT WAS  
100 PER-  
CENT

THAT YOU  
CAME TO ME  
PLOTTING  
SOMETHING



I DIDN'T  
CARE IF  
IT WAS A  
PLOT.

IF I  
WENT ALONG  
I'D BE ABLE  
TO DESTROY  
THE INUGAMI

THAT'S  
WHAT I WAS  
THINKING.





ALRIGHT.





EVEN  
MORE  
THAN YOU  
THINK!!

I WILL  
SMASH  
THIS FA-  
MILY







I...

WAIT A  
MINUTE,



YOU-  
BAKI, I  
THOUGHT  
WE'D AL-  
READY  
REACHED  
A CON-  
CLUSION.

BUT  
THAT'S  
!!



CAN'T  
ACCEPT  
THIS!!

AFTER  
ALL, I



EVEN  
IF YOU  
TELL ME TO  
GO CREATE  
SOMETHING  
NEW ALL OF  
A SUDDEN

I WANT  
TO PRO-  
TECT THIS  
FAMILY...

IT'S NOT  
THE FU-  
TURE I'VE  
WISHED  
FOR.

I DON'T  
HAVE MY  
CONCLU-  
SION!!

THAT'S  
YOUR CON-  
CLUSION,  
GRANDFA-  
THER.



LET ME  
DECIDE

MY OWN  
FUTURE!!



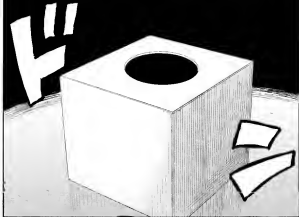




**THE FINAL BATTLE!!**



**CHAPTER 16**  
**THAT'S WHY I**  
**WON'T LOSE**  
**TO ANYONE**









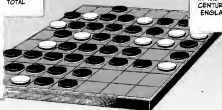




PLAYERS  
TAKE TURNS  
PLACING  
WHITE AND  
BLACK STONES  
ON AN 8X8  
BOARD, WITH  
64 SQUARES  
TOTAL

REVERSI  
IS A BOARD  
GAME THAT  
ORIGINATED  
IN THE 19TH  
CENTURY IN  
ENGLAND.

IT'S A  
BATTLE FOR  
AREA CON-  
TROL, WITH  
YOU TRY-  
ING YOUR  
OPPONENT'S  
STONES,  
THAT ARE  
SANDWICHED  
BETWEEN  
YOURS,  
INTO YOUR  
COLOR.



THE RULES  
MIGHT BE  
SIMPLE, BUT  
THE GAME IS  
COMPLEX.

IT MIGHT  
BE EASY TO  
WATCH THE  
GAME BEING  
PLAYED, JUD-  
GING THE  
SITUATION BY  
HOW MANY  
STONES ARE  
OF EACH  
COLOR.



WHILE IN  
REVERSI, THE  
PLAYER WITH  
THE MOST  
STONES OF  
HIS COLOR  
MIGHT BE ABLE  
TO HAVE THE  
ADVANTAGE

TOWARD  
THE LATTER  
HALF, THE  
CHANCES TO  
REVERSE THE  
GAME IN ONE  
MOVE ALSO  
GROW

AND THEN





















WELL,  
I'LL PRAISE  
YOU FOR  
STICKING  
THERE

THIS IS  
THE FIRST  
TIME I MET  
SOMEONE  
WHO CAN SAY  
IT PAST THE  
100TH  
DIGIT.

HOW-  
EVER...



ROUND 2 PI

WINNER  
SARUTOBI  
SANSUKE



AND  
SO... ON  
TO THE  
NEXT  
ROUND.



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YOU CAN'T  
WIN AGAINST  
ME BECAUSE I  
CALCULATE IT  
IN MY HEAD.



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ROUND 3  
BUNGEE JUMP  
WINNER  
SARUTOBI SANOSUKE



TSUBAKI-SAMA,  
ARE YOU  
OKAY?

I JUST... DON'T  
HAVE ANY LUCK.  
DO UP NOT A  
SIMPLE SUBJECT  
I'M GOOD AT  
CAME UP...

I'M  
DONE  
FOR...

IT'S ONLY  
3 LOSSES SO  
FAR!! YOU'LL BE  
OKAY IF YOU WIN  
6 FROM NOW  
ON!!

INUGAMI TSUBAKI  
3 ROUNDS 0 WINS  
3 LOSSES



I HAVE A  
PREMONI-  
TION!!

IT'LL BE  
OKAY! AFTER  
ALL, IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE NEXT  
ONE WILL BE  
SUITED FOR  
YOU, TSUBAKI-  
SAMA...

ALRIGHT,  
LET'S SWITCH  
THE FEELINGS  
OVER AND WIN  
THE NEXT  
ONE





*...TEST  
OF COURAGE!?*

THE  
RULES OF  
THIS GAME  
ARE VERY  
SIMPLE.

YOU  
WILL NOW  
WALK ON  
THIS DARK  
MOUNTAIN  
PATH----

WHOEVER  
RINGS THE  
BELL OF THE  
OFFERTORY  
BOX AT THE  
AMANOIWA  
SHRINE ON  
THE MOUNTAIN  
BEHIND THE  
SCHOOL  
WINS.

AND SO,  
THE FOURTH  
ROUND IS A  
TEST OF  
COURAGE.





YEBBS...  
MAYBS...

A... ARE YOU  
OKAY, INUGAMI-  
SAN, TOIGAME-  
SAN?



HMM?



TOIGAME-  
SAN AND  
KITSUNE-  
ZUKA-SAN  
AS WELL.  
DRAW  
LOTS AND  
PARTICI-  
PATE



KYA-----  
HEBINUMA-  
SENPAI  
PRAISED  
ME!!

BY THE  
WAY, SINCE  
YOU'LL BE  
MOVING TO  
THE MOUN-  
TAIN IN THE  
DARK,

YOU'LL  
SPLIT UP  
INTO PAIRS  
FOR SAFE-  
TY'S SAKE.



HOW  
PATHETIC!!  
YOU'RE THIS  
SCARED OF A  
SIMPLE TEST  
OF COURAGE!!



GOOD JOB,  
KITSUNEZUKA-  
SAN, YOU ARE  
SO DEPEND-  
ABLE!!

REALLY?



LET'S  
BEGIN.

SO  
THE PAIRS  
HAVE BEEN  
DECIDED  
AS WELL,



AH,  
BY THE  
WAY,

YOU  
CAN'T WIN  
IF BOTH  
OF YOU  
DON'T  
ARRIVE.



I'LL BE  
WAITING  
AT THE  
SHRINE.



HUH?? WASN'T IT YOU WHO DECIDED TO TAG ALONG, KITSUNE-ZUKA-SHANE?

IT'S YOUR FAULT, INUGAMI TSUBAKI! BECAUSE YOU JUST CAN'T WIN ---!!



YOU.. WEREN'T YOU MAKING FUN OF US FOR BEING SCARED JUST NOW?

AH--- WHY DID I TOO GET PULLED INTO THIS!!?

I SHOULD'VE HAD COME!!



HEY, WE'RE GOING !!



I... IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED YOU!!

WHAT!! WHEN SOMEONE CAME WITH YOU JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE SHOWING CONCERN!!



AH!! P... PLEASE WAIT!!

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BOTH  
PARTIC-  
IPANTS HAVE  
TO REACH  
THE GOAL.

IF YOU DE-  
CIDE NOT TO  
FOLLOW ME,  
THEN INAGAMI  
WILL WIN.

AND YET  
WHY ARE  
YOU STILL  
HERE?



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
CAN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.

KNOWING  
THE RULES,  
I WAS RE-  
SIGNED TO  
LOSING THE  
MOMENT I  
GOT PAIRED  
WITH YOU.

EX7



THAT'S...



IF I DID  
THAT, TSU-  
BAKI-SAMA  
WOULD BE  
SAD.

IF  
I DID  
THAT.

IT  
WOULD BE  
LIKE I WERE  
BETRAYING  
TSUBAKI-  
SAMA, WHO  
HAS FOUGHT  
AGAINST YOU  
FAIR AND  
SQUARE ALL  
THIS TIME.



THAT'S  
JUST NOT  
SOMETHING  
I COULD  
DO...





I'VE...  
FOUND  
OUT...



BE-  
SIDES  
...



THAT YOU  
REALLY DO  
YOUR BEST,  
SARUTOBI-  
SAMA.



SARUTOBI-SAMA...  
MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING...?

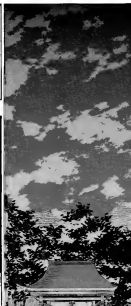




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...I  
... WON...  
FINALLY...  
I WON...

NO MORE...  
NO MORE...  
NO MORE...

ROUND 4  
TEST OF COURAGE  
WINNER  
INUGAMI TSUBAKI



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I'M SO  
GLAD!! YOU  
HAVE ONE  
WIN NOW!!



TSU-  
BAKI-  
SAMA  
-----!!



GOOD  
FOR YOU



YOU  
WERE  
AMAZING.  
YOU RAN  
LIKE A  
ROCKET!

RO...  
ROCKET?

THANK YOU,  
MAYA. I DON'T  
REALLY GET IT,  
BUT I GUESS  
I WON





HB IS  
VEXED.



AT LEAST  
FEEL SOME  
FRUSTRA-  
TION!

WHAT  
A DE-  
TESTABLE  
GUY! HE  
LOST, BUT  
HE HADN'T  
CHANGED  
AT ALL...



I'M SURE  
RIGHT NOW...  
HE'S FEELING  
MORE VEXED  
THAN ANY-  
ONE.

MAY I...  
ASK YOU  
SOME-  
THING?



BUT  
THE ONE  
THAT WAS  
AT FAULT  
WAS THE IN-  
COMPETENT,  
WEAK INU-  
TOSHI FA-  
MILY

WHAT  
I HATE IS  
MY WEAK-  
NESS. THAT  
I COULDN'T  
DO ANYTHING  
BACK THEN

WHEN  
I WAS  
LITTLE,  
I HATED  
THE INU-  
OSAMA

BUT  
THEN I REA-  
LIZED THAT  
THE INUOSAMA  
WASN'T TO  
BLAME.

NOT  
ANY-  
MORE.

DO YOU  
WORK THAT  
HARD.. BE-  
CAUSE YOU  
HATE THE  
INUOSAMA  
FAMILY??

ONLY  
THE WINNER  
IS RIGHT!!

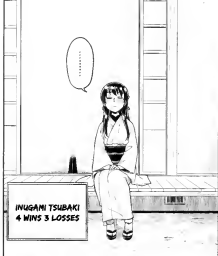
THAT'S  
WHY I WON'T  
LOSE TO  
ANYONE.







**FINAL CHAPTER THANK YOU**



INUGAMI TSUBAKI  
4 WINS 3 LOSSES



I'M  
JUST  
THINKING.



AH,  
MAYA



DID  
ANYTHING  
HAPPEN?

TSUBAKI-  
SAMA, THIS  
IS WHERE  
YOU WERE.



BUT YOURS  
UP BY ONE  
ROUND NOW!  
YOU WIN TWO  
MORE, AND  
IT'S YOUR  
VICTORY!



HA  
HA  
HA



WELL... IF  
WE FOUGHT  
IN ARCHERY  
FROM THE  
BEGINNING,  
I WOULD'VE  
WON LONG  
AGO...



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ROUND 8  
VIDEO GAME  
WINNER  
SARUTOBİ SANOSUKE

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WELL, I  
THOUGHT  
I'D WIN, BUT  
I DIDN'T EX-  
PECT YOU  
TO SUCK  
SO BAD...





THE NINTH  
ROUND IS A  
QUIZ GAME.

WHY DO  
I HAVE TO  
WEAR THIS  
STUPID HAT?!

DO  
YOU HAVE  
ANY OTHER  
QUESTIONS?

THE  
WINNER IS  
WHOMEVER  
PRESSED  
THE BUTTON  
FASTER AND  
GOT THE THREE  
CORRECT  
ANSWERS  
FIRST.

WELL,  
SACRI-SAN  
PREPARED  
THEM WHEN  
SHE HEARD  
WE'D HAVE  
A QUIZ.

CHAIRMAN  
INUOSAMA'S  
PERSONAL  
SECRETARY  
IS CURRENTLY  
SHIZURU  
SACRI-SAN.

SO, FIRST  
QUESTION





AREN'T THE SUBJECTS TOO STRANGE?

IT'S THE THIRD QUESTION ALREADY, BUT...



HEY,

NOW, THIRD QUESTION.



HMPH, WHATEVER, I'LL DO IT...



THE QUESTIONS COME FROM CHAIRMAN INOUE, WHO SAID "LET THEM COMPETE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE INOUE FAMILY."

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY



SO YOU MEAN... THIS ROUND WAS BASICALLY MY UNLUCKY DRAW?



!?

"TOGAME-SAN, WHO HAS BEEN INOUE-SAN'S ATTENDANT SINCE CHILDHOOD—"



...AND SO, THIRD QUESTION







I KNOW  
THE BASIC  
INFORMATION ON  
ALL THE  
STUDENTS  
OF OUR  
SCHOOL.



HOW  
CAN YOU  
SAY THAT  
SO CON-  
FIDENT-  
LY!!?



I ALSO KNOW  
THAT YOU'VE  
GAINED WEIGHT  
LATELY?

W... MIND  
YOUR OWN  
BUSINESS  
!!



INU-  
GAMI-SAN  
IS IN THE  
LEAD WITH  
9 TO 4.

AT THE  
END OF  
ROUND  
9



BUT HE  
COULDN'T  
ANSWER THE  
FOLLOWING  
QUESTION  
ABOUT THE  
DUGDAM,  
AND WAS  
DEFEATED

ROUND 9  
QUIZ  
WINNER  
INUGAMI TSUBAKI



DREAM-SAN, PLEASE  
DRAW THE LOT!

YES.



IF  
DREAM-SAN WINS THE  
NEXT ROUND,  
IT'S HER VIC-  
TORY.

IF  
DREAM-SAN  
WINS, IT'LL  
BE A DRAW, AND  
THE MATCH WILL  
BE RESOLVED  
WITH AN AD-  
DITIONAL  
ROUND!



THIS  
FINAL  
ROUND  
WILL DE-  
CIDE MY  
FUTURE

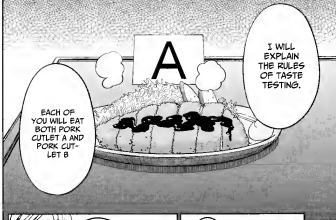
AND  
THIS...  
WILL  
DECIDE  
EVERY-  
THING



IT'S...  
A TASTE  
TEST.



WHAT IS  
THE NEXT  
CONTEST?



EACH OF  
YOU WILL EAT  
BOTH PORK  
CUTLET A AND  
PORK CUT-  
LET B

I WILL  
EXPLAIN  
THE RULES  
OF TASTE  
TESTING.



THE  
OTHER ONE  
WAS COOKED  
BY THE HEAD  
MAD SHIRA-  
TORI-SAN

WHO  
FOLLOWED  
TOGAME-  
SAN'S RE-  
CIPE



PLEASE  
BEGIN!!



BASED  
ON THE  
TASTE

PLEASE  
DECIDE WHICH  
ONE OF THEM  
WAS COOKED  
BY TOGAME-  
SAN



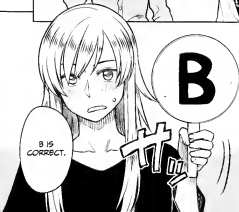
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...HUH!?







IT'S  
TRUE... THEY  
TASTED THE  
SAME.

ROUND 10  
TASTE TEST  
WINNER  
SARUTOH SANGOSUKE



NO...  
WAY?



IF I WERE  
TASTE ALONE,  
I WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
TELL EITHER.

HOW-  
EVER-----



I  
COULDN'T  
TELL... THE  
TASTE...

WAS  
PRACTICALLY  
THE SAME...



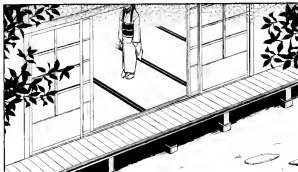
I'VE  
LIKED HER  
AESTHETIC  
SENSE EVER  
SINCE I CAME  
TO THIS  
HOUSE.



THE PRE-  
SENTATIONS  
WERE DIFF-  
ERENT.











ACTUALLY...  
I HAVEN'T  
TOLD YOU



I THOUGHT  
YOU'D CRUM-  
BLE QUICK-  
LY...

BUT YOU  
SHOWED ME  
THAT THINGS  
WOULDN'T GO  
MY WAY THAT  
EASILY.



HUH?

I  
WANTED  
TO THANK  
YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING  
UP TILL  
NOW.



I  
ENJOYED  
IT.



THANKS TO YOU  
I WAS ABLE TO  
REMEMBER THE  
FEELINGS OF  
LONGING AFTER  
SUCH A LONG  
TIME



EVEN I  
HAVE MUCH  
TO THINK  
ABOUT.

WHEN  
I REALIZE  
THAT THIS IS  
THE END,





IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, MAYBE RIGHT NOW I'D BE LIVING SATISFIED WITH MYSELF.

BUT FOR MAKING ME SERIOUSLY WANT TO WIN AGAINST SOMEONE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...



YOU ARE REALLY FULL OF YOURSELF, AND A PERVERT.

YOU'VE DONE TERRIBLE THINGS TO ME OVER TIME, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY WARM FEELINGS FOR YOU.



BUT EVER SINCE YOU APPEARED BEFORE ME, YOU'VE TAUGHT ME THINGS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE.



.....



I ALSO WANT TO SAY,



THANK YOU.



ENOUGH TALK

HERE WE GO!!

SCIS-  
SORS!!

ROCK

PAPER  
---

FIRST  
COMES  
ROCK!!



INUGAMI GROUP  
SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER  
MEETING

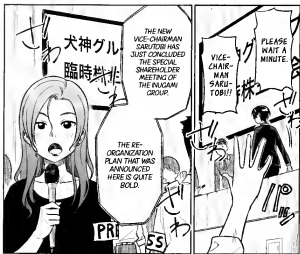


犬神グループ  
臨時株主総会

—  
THIS  
WAS

THE RE-  
ORGANIZA-  
TION PLAN  
OF OUR  
GROUP.













I REMAINED  
HERE BECAUSE  
THAT'S WHAT  
I WANTED TO  
DO MYSELF.



HMM,  
I SEE.



YOU  
CAN LEAVE  
NOW.

IT'S  
TODAY.  
ISN'T IT?

THAT SHE  
RETURNS.



IT'S GO  
HOME BY  
MYSELF  
TODAY!

EH!?











YES, I'VE  
CONFIRMED  
MANY TIMES.

I DON'T  
THINK THERE'S  
A MISTAKE....

WAS  
SHE REAL-  
LY COMING  
BACK ON THIS  
FLIGHT?

ANYWAY,  
ISN'T SHE  
LATE?





TSUBAKI-  
SAMA!!

Ah!!



INUGAMISAN TO SARUTOBI KUN WAKAGA GA WAKU END

FOR READING TO THE END

# THANK YOU

LET'S MEET AGAIN IN THE NEXT MANGA!



